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SUBJECT: KUWAIT MEDIA REACTION - SADDAM'S TRIAL AND PALESTINE

Block Quotes

Monday, November 06, 2006

-- Liberal Editor-in-Chief Jassem Boodai commented on the front page of moderate Arabic daily Al-Rai Al-Aam under the title "Revenge and Life" (11/6):

"We hope that Saddam's trial will be a prelude for greater stability in Iraq, which would consolidate democratic institutions, civil society, human rights and co-existence with neighboring countries and the international community."

-- Deputy Editor-in-Chief of the conservative Arabic daily Al-Watan stated on the back page under the title "It Is Our Right to Gloat" (11/6):

"It is our right to celebrate the execution of Saddam. It is our right to enjoy his pain, disgrace, and humiliation. Shame on all those in whom a single hair of sympathy moved for this lowly creature."

-- Radical Shiite anti-U.S. MP Dr. Abdul Mohsen Jamal penned in progressive Arabic daily Al-Qabas under the title "Trying a Nation" (11/6):

"The only way to deal with the Zionists is with Hezbollah's men in Lebanon. They made Israel run crying to the United Nations. The Palestinian people should rally around the courageous men of the Islamic resistance as the Jews know only an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth and only cowards resort to capitulation agreements."

-- Liberal Political Science professor Dr. Shafiq Al-Ghabra editorialized in moderate Arabic daily Al-Rai Al-Aam under the title "Gaza's Confrontations Are a Prelude to Bigger Confrontations?" (11/6):

"Israel should have learned a lesson from southern Lebanon where it confronted strong resistance and great surprises. These surprises are coming to Palestine and with each Israeli military operation. The Palestinian-Israeli situation will gravitate towards a more severe war and tougher showdowns. Where is the American policy towards the Middle East?"

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